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K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is it not possible for the Government to help Mr. Ethiraj in finding accommodation? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " Yes, Sir, but concrete proposals must come from Mr. Ethiraj himself."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I hope hon. Members will not make that a principal question." (Laughter.)

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask, Sir, whether the buildings recently vacated by the military cannot be made available for this college? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " Of course, Government will be happy to consider the suggestion if Mr. Ethiraj will go round and see what buildings are vacant which will be suitable for the college and then if he applies to Government, the Government will certainly consider the matter."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will not the Government take the initiative in the matter, since Mr. Ethiraj, though anxious, may be otherwise busy? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " It is difficult for the Government to do so, without being approached by the person concerned."

*Restoration of tanks in Rayalaseema.*

* 139 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of ruined tanks restored in Rayalaseema during the past seven years, i.e., from 1940;

(*b*) the extent of ayacut under these restored tanks;

(*c*) whether all the ayacut has been brought under cultivation;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the cultivators owning lands under these restored tanks find it difficult to bring the lands under cultivation immediately the tanks are restored;

(*e*) whether the question of exempting the ayacutdars from wet assessment or water-rate for a period of time to enable them to bring the lands under cultivation has ever been considered; and

(*f*) whether the Government will be pleased to place the orders of Government on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" (*a*) to (*e*) Information is contained in the statement [a] laid on the table.

" (*f*) The Government do not consider it possible to lay all the orders on the table of the House."

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[a] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 735–736 infra.